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Reference: FCC Docket Nos 96-45, 98-171, 90-571, 92-237, 99-200, 95-116, 98-170
and NSD File No. L-00-72.

Dear FCC:

I am writing to complain about the proposed changes to the Universal Service Fund and requesting that the FCC investigate this matter further before changing the current policy. Your proposed \$1.00 per month charge for all wireless phones will directly impact my ability to retain my wireless service.

I do not think it is fair to charge EVERYBODY \$1.00 dollar regardless of how they use their wireless phone, especially for a low-volume user that relies on wireless service for safety and security, not interstate calls. The current policy is fair, based on interstate usage, and should be left alone. Please do not penalize us. Keep this fair.

I DO NOT USE MY TRACFONE FOR CALLS OTHER THAN EMERGENCIES WHEN I'M ON THE HIGHWAY. AS I AM A SINGLE PERSON WITH TWO JOBS TO MAKE ENDS MEET THIS IS VERY DISTRESSING NEWS FOR ME PERSONALLY. I DO FEEL THAT YOU SHOULD LOOK AT PEOPLES USAGE AND NOT PENALIZE EVERYONE FOR THE HABITS OF SOME. I NEVER MAKE OUT OF STATE CALLS ON MY PHONE AS I DO NOT KNOW ANYONE OUT OF MY STATE THAT I WOULD CALL. MY AVERAGE USEAGE FOR MY PREPAID WIRELESS SERVICE IS ABOUT 20.00 EVERY TWO MONTHS. I DON'T CONSIDER THAT EXCESSIVE AND I ALREADY PAY THE PRICE BECAUSE I GET CHARGED FOR CALLING OR RECEIVING CALLS WHICH MEANS CALLER AND PERSON CALLED ARE BOTH PAYING FOR THE SAME CALL!! FIGURING THAT A BASE CALL IS ABOUT \$.60 PER MINUTE AND A ROAMING CALL IS \$1.20 PER MINUTE THAT IS A PRETTY EXPENSE CALL WITHOUT ANY ADDITIONAL CHARGES.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. Please provide a written response indicating the status/resolution of this matter.

Very truly yours,

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CC: FCC Subcommittee Members